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Spc. Parrot Hunter (left) and Spc. Ricky Lee Edwards Jr., both with 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Regt., "Gimlets," 2nd BCT, 25th ID, use a zip line to dismount the obstacle course at YMCA Camp Erdman, on Oahu's North Shore, Sept. 7.

'Gimlet' team-building exercise promotes leadership, communication, resiliency

High-adrenaline activities aid in reintegration upon redeployment

Story and Photos by
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2nd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division

WAIALUA — A young Soldier stares up at a towering structure of wooden beams and steel cables as he tightens straps and ties ropes around his body.

At the same time, he pays close attention to some safety information an instructor is showing the group.

His heart pumps faster, and his adrenaline spikes as he begins to climb the 30-foot tower.

Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, "Gimlets," 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Inf. Division, negotiated an obstacle course at YMCA Camp Erdman, here, Sept. 7, to improve small team communication and leadership skills.

The course consisted of eight different obstacles, all of which were wooden towers, some reaching as high as 35 feet.

"The obstacle course allows the participants to accomplish things they thought they could not do," said Fab Ciavarra, instructor, YMCA Camp Erdman. "You don't know a person is a leader until they're given the chance to step up to that role."

While negotiating the obstacles, Soldiers were only allowed to use each other for balance. Using the structure, cabling or harnesses was not allowed.

"(This exercise) helps out with communication, (as) most of the time your hands are tied up," said Spc. Casey Adams, Headquarters Platoon, Company B, 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Regt. "It helps to reach inside and pull out

"As much as you rely on your team, you also have to rely on yourself to be able to pull yourself up when you fall."

— **Spc. Casey Adams**
Headquarters Platoon, Co. B,
1st Bn., 21st Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT, 25th ID

your communication skills (that) you may not have realized you had."

High-adrenaline activities and team-building exercises like the YMCA Camp Erdman obstacle course are also helping Soldiers reintegrate into garrison life after deployments. Programs like this one help to ease reintegration stress associated with a quick drop from regular stress and adrenaline during deployment.

"Walking down the streets in Iraq keeps everyone's

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From left to right, Pvt. Liu Chengjie, Spc. Parrot Hunter, Pvt. Zachary Brown and Spc. Ricky Lee Edwards Jr., all with 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Regt., "Gimlets," 2nd BCT, 25th ID, use ropes to advance a wire mounted platform across the obstacle course at YMCA Camp Erdman, to improve small team communication and leadership skills.

124th Optometry preps second team for Afghanistan with FTX, CERTEX

Story and Photo by
SGT. 1ST CLASS RODNEY JACKSON
18th Medical Command (Deployment Support) Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Already several months into a deployment to Afghanistan, the 124th Optometry Team, 18th Medical Command (Deployment Support), is preparing a second team to replace three members in Afghanistan.

This preparation included a field training exercise, or FTX, at Leaders Field, here, Sept. 10.

Each team has the capability to provide ocular examinations to detect, prevent, diagnose, treat and man-

age ocular-related disorders, injuries, diseases and visual dysfunctions on the battlefield, and to provide spectacle fabrication, frame assembly and repair services to brigade and non-brigade units in the area of operations as far forward as possible.

"We will focus primarily on combat eye protection while deployed," said Capt. John Stehulak, detachment officer, 124th Optometry Team. "We will provide treatment for our (U.S.) Army Soldiers and NATO coalition soldiers."

The team set up its field operation systems, including optometry fabrication equipment, and examined

SMA conducts forum, dines with Soldiers

Story and Photo by
STEPHANIE BRYANT
U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III, accompanied by his wife, Jeanne, hosted a forum to talk with noncommissioned officers, Soldiers and spouses at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel, Monday.

Chandler said his visit was a "reconnaissance" mission for the Department of the Army.

He and his wife travel to installations and conduct forums with Soldiers and families to get feedback about what programs work and what programs don't quite measure up to their needs.

Chandler initiated the forum with information on nine-month deployments, the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, retirement and the drawdown of troops.

Chandler said it's his goal to make sure that Soldiers and families have a good understanding of the changes that are taking place in the Army and, more

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importantly, why they are taking place.

"This is about being an engaged leader. ... You have to lead your Soldiers and guide your family members through what will be a challenging time (of change)," Chandler said.

Once Chandler finished his opening remarks, he opened the floor for questions. Soldiers addressed concerns they have about topics like promotions, tuition assistance and changes happening to Army Regulation 607-1, which covers wear and appearance of Army uniforms and insignia, and AR 600-9, which covers the Army's Weight Control Program.

Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Acevedo, maintenance supervisor, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, said Chandler addressed all the major topics that he had concerns or questions about.

"I wanted to hear about 'don't ask, don't tell,'

Read continuing coverage about Chandler's visit in the Sept. 30th edition of the Hawaii Army Weekly.

Acevedo said. "It is important to know how we, as an Army, are adapting to fit in with the rest of society ... also to know what direction the society and U.S. Army are trying to go."

The forum concluded with a brown bag lunch, where Soldiers were able to kick back and dine with Chandler and his wife, and with Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Leota, senior enlisted leader, U.S. Army Pacific-Hawaii, and his wife, Vira.



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III speaks to Soldiers and spouses about upcoming changes in the U.S. Army, at AMR chapel, Monday.

Soldiers from 18th MEDCOM during the two-day FTX.

Throughout the FTX, the unit updated 30 medical profiles, completed 18 comprehensive eye exams, and edged and inserted 36 lenses while conducting deployment-focused training and cross training to ensure each member could perform additional duties during the deployment.

"The exercise improved (our) vision readiness percentage, and I got some hands-on training with the fabrication equipment that I never had before," said Staff

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Don't Ask Don't Tell Repeal

September 20, 2011

Today marks the end of "Don't Ask Don't Tell." The law is repealed. From this day forward, gay and lesbian Soldiers may serve in our Army with the dignity and respect they deserve. Our rules, regulations and policies reflect the repeal guidance issued by the Department of Defense and will apply uniformly without regard to sexual orientation, which is a personal and private matter.

For over 236 years, the U.S. Army has been an extraordinary force for good in the world. Our Soldiers are the most agile, adaptable and capable warriors in history—and we are ready for this change.

Over the last several months, our Leaders, Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians have discussed, trained and prepared for this day. The President, the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs have certified that repeal is consistent with military readiness, effectiveness, unit cohesion and recruiting and retention. Your professionalism, leadership and respect for your fellow Soldiers will ensure that this effort is successful.

At the heart of our success is adherence to the Army Values. These standards not only infuse every facet of our culture and operations, but also guide us as we adapt to change. Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage are not mere words to us—they are the very principles by which we live, train and fight.

Accordingly, we expect all personnel to follow our Values by implementing the repeal fully, fairly and in accordance with policy guidance. It is the duty of all personnel to treat each other with dignity and respect, while maintaining good order and discipline throughout our ranks. Doing so, will help the U.S. Army remain the *Strength of the Nation*.

Raymond F. Chandler III

Sergeant Major of the Army

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Footsteps in Faith

God will take your burdens away

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25th Infantry Division

People may worry about the news in financial circles, conflicts around the globe and deployment.

At this moment, people may be concerned, worried and even feel anxious about current government budget constraints that will have an effect on the military.

Others' worries do not extend beyond their front doors. Their concerns may be about daily living, getting over past mistakes or if their relationships can survive the tide of animosity that has been built.

With all of these burdens, it is of little wonder that many have built fortresses of despair and walls of self-loathing.

1 Peter 5:7, from the Amplified Bible, says to cast "the whole of your care (all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all) on him, for he cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully."

These words provide immeasurable comfort and give direction for all those who are ready to live a healthier, happier and less-stressed existence.

The Amplified Bible begins the Scripture with "casting." The word means to throw off. Literally, the implication is to throw it so far that it cannot be retrieved. To get rid of the things that degrade the ability to enjoy life, we must be willing to throw those negative things far away, so that they cannot be found.

Pay careful attention to the word "whole." If we are not willing to invest ourselves in giving over all of the negative things, then

we will constantly find ourselves addressing old issues, which are destructive to healthy living.

The power of this Scripture is that the full spectrum of negative emotions is addressed. All of the anxieties, worries and concerns can be cast off, once and for all. This casting can only be done through trusting God.

Everyone must take care of his or her spirit if he or she is going to have total health. We must examine our relationships,

"Pay careful attention to the word 'whole.' If we are not willing to invest ourselves in giving over all of the negative things, then we will constantly find ourselves addressing old issues, which are destructive to healthy living."

words that are spoken and words that are heard.

The main point is that we have a God who is watching and willing to take every burden, care and discomfort. God will give us peace.

Matthew 11:28-29 says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. (I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls). Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls."

Ask the Garrison Commander!

Mulbury addresses housing, AAFES facilities and safety

COL. DOUGLAS MULBURY

Commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

The "Ask the Garrison Commander" program allows Soldiers, civilians and family members to present concerns and recommend outcomes.

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii directorates and support staff research queries and provide responses to me, which are monitored by a customer management team.

A sampling of these questions that have community-wide impact are published in the Hawaii Army Weekly.

Submit questions via the Ask the Garrison Commander email address and through the USAG-HI web link at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/comments/contactgc.aspx. Time-sensitive concerns should be directed to the Interactive Customer Evaluation system at ice.disa.mil.

Mulbury

Q: My husband is a sergeant with six years of service, and we have one daughter. We've never lived on post because the housing we qualify for is awful compared to what we're able to rent off post. I would like to know why the military continues to use the rank/dependent system to determine the quality of housing Soldiers and families qualify for; it's dated and creates a class system that does nothing to promote morale.

A: Homes are designated for officers, senior enlisted and junior enlisted in accordance with Army guidelines and the home assignment process, as set forth by the Army, and is based on rank, the number of command-sponsored dependents and availability.

The quality of on-post housing has improved dramatically in recent years, particularly here in Hawaii, following privatization. Since privatization, in excess of 3,200 homes have been constructed and more than 1,000 have been renovated. Within the next six years, we expect to have all remaining homes rebuilt or renovated, and all two-bedroom units completely eliminated from our inventory and replaced with more spacious three-, four- and five-bedroom homes. We have already completed more than 60 percent of this work, with priority going to junior noncommissioned officer and NCO homes.

We are well on our way to being able to provide modern and quality-built homes, comparable to or better than those found in the surrounding civilian community, for anyone who desires to reside on post.

Q: The main Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas station at Schofield Barracks is in a poor state of repair. It is rare when all of the gas pumps and air dispensers work. The credit card readers are often broken, the paper towel dispensers are broken or empty, and the washer fluid containers are not filled. Also, if the gas pumps had longer hoses, they would be able to accommodate all cars and trucks, regardless of which side the filler cap is located.

A: The Exchange is in the process of upgrading its gas dispensers. The manager of the Schofield Car Care Center apologizes for the mechanical condition of the gas dispensers and assures me the staff is monitoring them on an hourly basis, to ensure the pumps remain in proper working condition. Also, they are closely watching the washer fluid containers to ensure they are kept full and clean. The air pumps were recently replaced, and they will be checked on a regular basis to ensure they remain operational.

Q: What can be done to prevent people from climbing the fence and coming on to the installation, particularly at night? I recently had some things stolen from my home, and others in my neighborhood have seen strangers climbing the fences surrounding their houses and coming into their yards.

A: With an installation as large and as spread out as ours, it is impossible for our limited number of Military Police and other security personnel to prevent trespassing and the other types of criminal activity.

That's why it is incumbent upon all Soldiers, families and civilians to work with our MPs to help make USAG-HI safe and secure. The safety of our installation and our housing communities is a responsibility that must be shared by community members and the police.

Our law enforcement program relies on each of us to assist the police by serving as their eyes and ears. We all have a responsibility for being alert to strangers in our neighborhoods, taking note of unusual activity and reporting suspicious behavior to the proper authorities.

To submit an "Ask the Commander" question, send an email to AskTheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil. For more information, call Rosie Stone (655-9033) at USAG-HI's Customer Relations Team, or call Aiko Brum (656-3155) at USAG-HI Public Affairs Office.

Voices of Ohana

September is National Hispanic Heritage Month.

What is your favorite aspect of Hispanic culture?

Photos by U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

"The culture is very artistic and creative."

Pvt. Kyle Bare

Co. A, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, 25th ID

"It's a passionate culture."

Cpl. Cody Hernandez

HHC, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, 25th ID

"I love the food, especially spicy food. Enchiladas are my favorite."

Donald Murry

DPTMS, USAG-HI

"The food, the music and the dancing. It's more physical and fun."

Sgt. Manuel Orozco

HHC, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, 25th ID

"It is a very family-oriented culture."

Pvt. Christopher Tilley

HHC, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, 25th ID

‘Wolf Pack’ jumps at chance to serve during Operation Pacific Angel

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Unlike most of the vertical construction units within the Army today, the 643rd Engineer Company has a unique opportunity to conduct missions in many countries outside the Middle East.

Although the company hasn’t deployed as one unit since 2009, platoons, squads and individual teams of Soldiers are constantly on the move throughout the Pacific, to meet the ongoing demand for high-quality construction, whenever and wherever their skills are needed.

Recently, the 643rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, added another country to the list of places where “Wolf Pack” Soldiers have operated in 2011.

Spc. Abel Almager and Pfc. Angel Puebla, both carpentry and masonry specialists, 1st Platoon, 643rd Eng. Co., successfully completed a two-week mission to Kohn Kong City, Cambodia, while attached to the 13th Air Force Civil Engineering Element for Operation Pacific Angel.

The goal of their assignment was to aid in improving U.S. military and host nation joint/combined interoperability while demonstrating U.S. support for regional security and humanitarian assistance.

Almager and Puebla worked alongside U.S.

and Cambodian Air Force personnel to finish building a hospital, as well as to put a roof on a bathroom inside a local school. During both projects, they were able to share their technical skills while embracing the opportunity to see how another U.S. service branch and a different country executed construction tasks.

In addition to the chance to serve the local people of the area and interact with other friendly forces, the Soldiers said they appreciated the chance to be immersed in another culture.

Having both deployed in support of Ayara Guardian 2011 in Thailand, a few months prior, the pair said they had fun comparing two places most Americans will rarely have an opportunity to travel to. In Thailand, they were mostly surrounded by buildings in a city, but the area around the job site in Cambodia was much more rural and secluded, they explained.

Almager and Puebla learned about Cambodian culture, interacted with people from the host country and sampled traditional cuisine.

“I looked forward to lunch every day at the construction site, because it was always local food that I really enjoyed trying,” Puebla said. “That was also the best time to talk with the local people and get a better understanding of their daily activities, cultural differences, traditional customs and courtesies.”

“The most rewarding part of the exercise was the feeling that the Pacific Angel team had pos-



Staff Sgt. Christopher Boitz | U.S. Air Force

Pfc. Angel Puebla, carpentry and masonry specialist, 643rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, paints the side of a clinic, during Operation Pacific Angel in Cambodia, recently.

itively affected the lives of the Cambodian population who would use the buildings to improve their way of life,” Almager said. “It was obvious that the locals living in the area appreciated our

work. They not only expressed their gratitude verbally, but many offered to help build during the last few days of construction, as well. It made me proud to serve in our Army.”

JTF-HD implements Dual Status Command during ‘Lightning Rescue’ exercise

JOINT TASK FORCE-HOMELAND DEFENSE PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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FORT SHAFTER — An exercise designed to validate regional pandemic influenza and infectious disease response plans was conducted at various locations on the island, Sept. 13-16.

Joint Task Force-Homeland Defense conducted exercise “Lightning Rescue,” a JTF-HD-sponsored exercise that began in 2006 to examine infectious disease/biological threats.

Lightning Rescue typically involves participation of more than 20 organizations, including interagency partners from civilian governments, private companies, nongovernmental organizations and Department of Defense instal-

lations and organizations.

“What is unique about this year’s exercise is that (U.S. Pacific Command) and the state of Hawaii will exercise, for the first time, a new DOD command-and-control construct for domestic response, called Dual Status Command,” said Mel Garcia, deputy, Joint Operations, JTF-HD.

In December 2010, a joint action plan for Dual Status Command was approved by the Council of Governors, DOD, the Dept. of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, stating that the appointment of a Dual Status Command is now the “usual and customary command and control arrange-

ment” when state and federal military forces are employed simultaneously, in support of civil authorities in the U.S.

JTF-HD is PACOM’s executive agent for homeland defense and civil support in response to all types of hazards, including response and recovery from accidental, man-made or natural disasters in Hawaii and other U.S. domestic jurisdictions in the Pacific.

JTF-HD, here, is designated as the HD coordinating agency between DOD and civilian authorities in Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, the

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau.

Working closely with Dept. of Homeland Security, Dept. of State, state and local governments, and military organizations in the Pacific, JTF-HD maintains situational awareness, helps coordinate implementation of a comprehensive Critical Infrastructure Protection Program, and coordinates and provides DOD resources to help save lives and mitigate property damage.



Staff Sgt. Ricardo Branch | 2nd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division

Falling back into formation

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers with 2nd Brigade Combat Team, "Warriors," 25th Infantry Division, conduct a road test following a Stryker vehicle draw, here, Sept. 13. The Stryker has remained absent from formation during the past three months, but will now be integrated back into the Warrior family as the unit moves through the reset phase and conducts future training operations.

September is National Hispanic Heritage Month

CID sergeant recognized for enhancing Latina role

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QUANTICO, Va. — Sgt. Andrea Chica, training noncommissioned officer and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear NCO for Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 19th Military Police Battalion, Criminal Investigation Command, Schofield Barracks, was recently awarded the Latina Style 2011 Meritorious Service Award.

According to Latina Style, a publication which showcases Latina achievements in all areas, including business, science, civic affairs, education and the arts, the purpose of the award is to “recognize military and Department of Defense civilian personnel who, through their service, have enhanced the role of Latinas in their organization and honor them for their service to our country, leadership, accomplishments and commitment to building a strong community.”

The criteria for military awardees includes embodying the qualities that are at the core of the service’s mission, being well respected amongst their superiors and peers as leaders and upstanding service members, displaying exceptional character and treating the Hispanic community with dignity and pride.

In the award announcement, Latina Style said Chica exemplified these traits and distinguished herself by making significant contributions to her country in equal opportunity, civil rights programs and public service to her local community.

The presentation of the award coincided with National Hispanic Heritage Month.

“When I found out I’d won, I felt so honored to be able to repre-

sent the Hispanic community in the military,” Chica said. “I feel that our contributions to the U.S. armed forces sometimes go unnoticed, but this award clearly shows they aren’t. I feel proud to be acknowledged with this award.”

Col. Joe Ethridge, deputy commander, U.S. Army CID, said Chica “truly epitomizes the command’s EO goals and objectives, and the furthering of equality for all through diversity.

“Chica has, by example of her personal life and professional career, supported the full integration and promotion of all individuals and encouraged the participation of Hispanic women within her sphere of influence,” Ethridge wrote. “Chica has not only developed her own potential with great success, but she also dedicated her efforts to creating and expanding opportunities for others. She is a unique asset to this command.”

Chica joined the Army in July 2006.

“I joined the Army to make a new life for myself and to create better educational opportunities,” she said. “I wanted to go to college after high school, but I didn’t want to put that financial burden on my parents. ... The Army was the perfect opportunity to meet that goal; it’s given me so many opportunities.”

Chica recently graduated from the Advanced Leader Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and is currently working on a bachelor’s degree.



Chica

Gimlets: Leadership skills are developed

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heart pumping; they don’t know what is going to happen next,” Adams continued. “Here, it’s not as stressful, but it still provides the adrenaline that a lot of infantry Soldiers feed on.”

Working with Soldiers allowed Ciavarra to try more challenging scenarios within the obstacles.

“It helps their courage and helps them trust themselves,” Adams said. “As much as you rely on your team, you also have to rely on yourself to be able to pull yourself up when you fall.”

Soldiers who aren’t usually in leadership roles because of their rank were able to show their leadership potential in the exercise, Adams said.

“Activities like this make me excited to get out of bed and go to work,” Adams said, adding that he would sign up to do activities like this again if they become available.



Capt. John Stehulak (left), det. officer, 124th Med. Det., 18th MEDCOM (DS), examines the eyes of Sgt. Maj. Kim White, intelligence sergeant major, 18th MEDCOM (DS), during the unit’s FTX, Sept. 10.

18th MEDCOM: Unit ready for deployment

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Sgt. Joseph Hagan, detachment noncommissioned officer, 124th Optometry Team. “Working in a clinic in Afghanistan will be pretty much the same as working in a clinic, here, but we expect to see more eye injuries during the deployment.”

The first optometry team deployed in July, right before the 18th MEDCOM’s certification exercise, or CERTX, in August. The CERTX determined that the unit was able to perform its wartime mission.

Ten days after the completion of the CERTX, the second team conducted its FTX to prepare for deployment later this fall.

311th Signal Command hosts celebration for 151st birthday

STAFF SGT. CRISTA YAZZIE
311th Signal Command Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — Signal Soldiers from throughout the Pacific and the globe connected, here, for the 311th Sig. Command’s Regimental Week, recently.

The week kicked off with a golf scramble followed by two intense days of forums for noncommissioned and commissioned officers, addressing tactical and technical changes and advancements in the signal branch and within the Army itself.

Brig. Gen. William Scott, commander, 311th Sig. Command, and Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Thompson, senior enlisted leader, 311th Sig. Command, hosted the event. Several distinguished members of the Army signal community joined them, most notably Lt. Gen. Carol Pollett, chief information officer, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Pflieger, senior enlisted leader, Army Sig. Regimental Corps.

“The role of the warfighter is a specific role to operate, maintain and sustain the Pacific LandWar-Net,” Pflieger said, who engaged attendees with an open question-and-answer session. “With all the technologies and all the advancements in the Sig. Corps, my fundamental belief is in you, the leaders and Soldiers. The leaders and Soldiers are the centerpiece, which enables this battle command.”

Forum topics included everything from the new Regional Hub Node in Guam, which represents global reach for the Army, to the Sig. Corps Regimental Association, which connects the Army signal community with its partners in the civilian signal community and key leaders around the world.

Between the two days of forums, Chaplain (Col.) Gary Gross, 311th Sig. Command, hosted a prayer breakfast at the Hale Ikena Golf Club, here, where Chaplain (Col.) Daniel Minjares, Network Enterprise Technology Command, 9th Sig. Command, was the guest speaker.

The week culminated with two final events. The first was a morning regimental run through Schofield Barracks, the second a regimental ball at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Waikiki.

The ball included the posting of the colors; a performance by the historic Kings Guard Drill Team, Royal Hawaiian Guard; and a regimental cake cutting ceremony, culminating with an address from Pollett, keynote speaker.

During Pollet’s address, he discussed some of the accomplishments within the command in the past year, specifically that of the 307th Expeditionary Sig. Battalion, 516th



Cpl. Kawaiola Nahale | 311th Signal Command

Signal leaders join with the oldest and youngest attendees at the regimental ball for a cake-cutting ceremony, as part of an 151-year tradition in celebrating the anniversary of the Sig. Corps Regiment.

Sig. Brigade, which executed simultaneous mission accomplishments throughout the Pacific during its deployment to Afghanistan. He also discussed the 311th Sig. Command’s timely relief efforts during Operation Tomodachi to provide signal support immediately following February’s disaster in Japan.

“These selfless feats are not the accomplishments of individuals; these things were accomplished by the work of teams,” Pollett said.

Pollet also thanked the civilians and families of all organizations in the Pacific for their hard work and patriotism.

“You have an opportunity, today, to set the conditions for the future, but we cannot be afraid of change,” he said. “We must embrace transformation as a way of life and set the tradition for a protected enterprise effort structure and services to enable the power to connect anywhere, anytime, on any device, to leverage information and enable decisive decision making.”

The official portion of the evening concluded with a presentation of the Sig. Corps Regimental awards and retiring of the colors, ending the long and eventful week with dancing.



Capt. Julia Miller | 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC

William Maxwell (left), safety officer, Directorate of Installation Safety, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, gives a class on motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, moped and dirt bike safety to Soldiers of the 643rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, Sept. 7, at a daylong safety training event at Helemano Military Reservation.

‘Never Daunted’ Bn. devotes entire day to safety, suicide prevention

2ND LT. JYMETTE WATROUS
Forward Support Company, 84th Engineer Battalion,
130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

HELEMANO MILITARY RESERVATION — Once every three months, the 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, conducts specialized training for an entire day to remind all that they are only strong when all the battalion’s Soldiers are healthy and safe.

The battalion brought in speakers to talk about a variety of topics — including composite risk management, substance abuse, personally owned vehicles and motorcycle safety, heat injury prevention, outdoor recreation safety, domestic violence and suicide prevention — when it conducted its safety stand down, here, Sept. 7.

Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond Theard, senior enlisted leader, 84th Eng. Bn., said he believes it is absolutely essential to set aside time for the battalion to focus on safety as one unit.

“It emphasizes how important safety is to the senior leadership of the battalion,” Theard said. “We want the Soldiers to know that they are our most important asset. By having this training

at the battalion level, senior battalion staff and the command group can participate in these events and show the Soldiers that even we are not immune to safety hazards.”

The event also brought the battalion together to reflect on accidents happening throughout the Army. Oftentimes, Soldiers will only hear about incidents that happened within their own units, never realizing how many Soldiers are getting injured or killed because of preventable accidents Armywide.

“(This event) puts everything into perspective that’s happened Armywide, so the same safety-related incidents don’t happen again in our unit,” said Sgt. Travis Thorpe, water treatment specialist, Forward Support Company, 84th Eng. Bn.

The safety stand down also emphasized September’s Suicide Prevention Month.

“Suicide is one of the most difficult subjects, (but) is also one of the most dangerous when ignored,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Mark McCorkle, 84th Eng. Bn.

The 84th Eng. Bn. will continue to emphasize the importance of safety through quarterly stand down days in the future.

IMO, BSO courses receive major upgrade

Changes improve IA at unit level, provide cost savings, material is more relevant

EDMUND TAKEYA & MEDELINE HARKINS

30th Signal Battalion, 516th Sig. Brigade, 311th Sig. Command

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD – Recently, the regional training course for information management officers, or IMOs, and battalion/brigade signal officers, or BSOs, in the Army-Hawaii Region, underwent a major revision aimed at making the course more effective and relevant.

This course has been completely revamped to meet the needs of students, ensuring training is relevant and updated to reflect the changes in information technology, or IT, and theater/regional policy.

What was previously a five-day course has been condensed to a two-day course, with an optional third day.

The impetus for the change is the theater policy that directs that IMO/BSO duties be performed only by mission occupation specialty 25-series Soldiers and government service 2210-series Army civilians, calling upon personnel with institutional IT training and work experience.

The training course focuses on commonly performed IT tasks and theater/regional IT policies and procedures for performing these tasks, all to sharpen proficiency in core skills.

These skills include setting up or modifying user accounts or adding IT systems in domains, being proficient in generating work tickets and performing unit-level network security mitigations on user IT systems.

Security of the Pacific Land War Net, the theater portion of the worldwide Department of Defense data network, has increased significantly in recent months, as exemplified by recent high-level Information Assurance, or IA, compliance inspections. The course currently provides students with a heavy dose of IA awareness and pro-

cedures in this IT operational priority.

The intent of the course is to train the IMO/BSO to become the first line of security at the unit level.

Upon completion of the course, students will have a better understanding of the Army's IA program, Network Enterprise Center services and organization, and basic IT troubleshooting skills. Students will become the IT subject matter experts at the unit level and provide support to their organizations' missions, deployments and redeployment efforts.

Improvements to the course include a totally paperless environment, which will make enrollment in the course, access to course materials, taking the exam and filling out forms online easier. Improvements also help administrators/facilitators capture data in real time – like attendance, the start/finish of an exam, student evaluations and exam scores – and extract and consolidate data less than 30 minutes after the course has ended, enabling timely feedback.

Previously, the course was presented twice a month, for up to 40 students per class, to meet the training demand during peak deployment/redeployment cycles. This frequency and class size resulted in significant human resource cost as subject matter experts were taken away from regularly assigned duties to prepare for and conduct course instruction during the original five-day course.

Condensing the course has resulted in cost savings, with min-



Larry Thomas | DPTMS, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

Capt. Brent Bednarik (standing), assistant operations officer, 30th Signal Battalion/NEC, 516th Sig. Brigade, 311th Sig. Command, discusses student critique comments on the IMO/BSO courses, recently.

imal effect on overall instructional quality, and it has also reduced organizational mission impact to supported units by more rapidly returning students to their unit.

News Briefs

Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

25 / Sunday

Tropic Lightning Week

– The 25th Infantry Division will host the 25th ID Tropic Lightning Association's 70th Reunion, starting Sept. 25.

Highlights of the weeklong event include a static display of military equipment at Weyand Field, Sept. 30.

29 / Thursday

Museum Closure

– The Tropic Lightning Museum at Schofield Barracks is closed for interior renovations through Sept. 29. Normal hours resume Sept. 30; normal hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. The museum is closed Sundays, Mondays and federal holidays. Call 655-0438.

30 / Friday

VRO Closure

– The Schofield Barracks Vehicle Registration Office, or VRO, Building 740, Soldier Support Center, will be closed through Sept. 30 for office renovations. Normal hours will resume Oct. 3. The Fort Shafter VRO, Building 5099, Room 111, Fort Shafter Flats, will be open for vehicle registrations, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call the Schofield VRO at 655-0894 or the Fort Shafter VRO at 438-1517.

October

1 / Saturday

Retiree Appreciation Day

– This annual event starts at 9 a.m., Oct. 1, at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter. Retired Soldiers, spouses and widow(ers) are invited to attend. Hosts are retired Lt. Gen. Allen Ono, chairman, and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Devaney, co-chairman of the U.S. Army Retiree Council, Hawaii. Guest speaker is Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Leota, senior enlisted leader, US-ARPAC, will give opening remarks. Call 655-1514/1585.

4 / Tuesday

Temporary Closure

– Contractors will install a concrete ramp and drainage system on the Conroy Bowl side of the Health and Fitness Center, Building 582, Schofield Barracks, through Oct. 4. A portion of the parking lot between Buildings 582, 555 and 586 will be closed and used for contractor vehicles and equipment only. Call 655-8789.

6 / Thursday

TARP Training

– The Threat Awareness and Reporting Program, or TARP, replaces Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army, or SAEDA training, and it is held every Thursday at 9 a.m.

October training dates and locations follow:

- Oct. 6, 9th Mission Support

Command Auditorium, Fort Shafter Flats, Building 1554.

- Oct. 13, Kaiser Auditorium, TAMC.

- Oct. 20, Main Post Conference Room, Schofield Barracks.

- Oct. 27, Main Auditorium, Camp Smith.

Call 655-1306/9501.

7 / Friday

Half-staffing

– As a mark of respect to Gen. John Shalikashvili, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1993-1997, the national flag will be flown at half-staff at all installations, activities and vessels of the Department of the Army, from reveille to retreat, Oct. 7.

20 / Thursday

First-Term Financial Training

– Mandatory training will teach students basic financial skills and financial planning, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 20, Army Community Service, Fort Shafter Aloha Center. Call 438-9285.

Ongoing

Temporary Closure

– The Fort Shafter Police Station is closed for remodeling. Changes have taken place to continue providing law enforcement services to the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii South community. The police desk has temporarily moved into a trailer in Building T-118's adjacent parking lot. Police Administrative Services are still located in Building T-118, and it remains accessible from Palm Circle Drive. Call 438-2230.

Non-appropriated Fund

Retirees – A compact disk containing personal information of 25,000 non-appropriated fund retiree records was lost the final week of August.

The potentially compromised information contains names, social security numbers, type of retirement, retirement date, amount of life insurance and dates of service. Some records may also contain birth dates.

Retirees who are at risk have been sent notification letters advising them of the data loss and actions they can take to protect their identities.

Concerned retirees should call (210) 466-1640.

Report Suspicious Activity

– “iWatch Army” is a community program to help your neighborhood stay safe from terrorist activities. iWatch Army asks you to report behavior and activities that are unusual or seem out of the ordinary.

These behaviors and activities include items such as briefcases, suitcases, backpacks or packages left behind at unit headquarters, key entry points and other high-traffic areas on post.

Report all suspicious activity to the Military Police:

- Schofield, Wheeler, Heleman; 655-7114.

- Fort Shafter, Aliamanu, Tripler; 438-7114.

- Fort DeRussy; 438-2650.

- Pohakuloa Training Area; 969-2429.



Spc. Rusty Garza, 45th Special Troops Battalion, 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command, shoots pool at the Tropics Recreation Center, Sept. 2, here.

Tropics

with a

twist

Warrior Zone to offer high-energy entertainment

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Pau Hana Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — "Madden 12," "NCAA Football 12" and "Modern Warfare" for Xbox 360 and Play Station 3. 3-D TV.

Free Wi-Fi.

Theater recliners to get all comfy and cozy in, while watching movies on the new home theater projector and 16-foot inflatable widescreen.

These items aren't on a Christmas wish list that a battle-weary Soldier has jotted down for Santa.

Instead, they're a sampling of what awaits redeployed Soldiers and their battle buddies, either now or in the near future, when they enter the revamped Tropics Recreation Center, here.

Come Oct. 1, when the Tropics Recreation Center reopens as the Tropics Warrior Zone, Schofield Barracks will join other posts like Fort Riley, Kan., and Fort Hood, Texas, which already have Warrior Zones — the latest Soldier-focused morale, welfare and recreation program.

While the Warrior Zone is targeted toward single Soldiers, 18 and older, authorized ID cardholders, including spouses, who are 18 and older, can partake in its offerings.

The Warrior Zone concept was born out of Armywide focus groups designed to find out what types of recreation services and programs single Soldiers wanted.

The Tropics and its past iterations have offered gaming, pool tables, video game systems and other recreational equipment, including a music practice room with guitars, keyboards and other instruments.

Transforming the Tropics into a Warrior Zone brings additional funding to purchase more of everything. Offerings will include a 3-D TV; high-definition TVs; 10 additional PS3s and 10 Xboxes for a total of 30 game systems, including Wii; more gaming and pool tables; and new theater recliners, according to Melania Silva, facility manager, Tropics; Community Recreation Division; Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii.



Sgt. Greg Alvarado, Company E, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Avn. Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, plays a video game at the Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks, Sept. 2.

Also, in the near future, the Tropics will offer free Wi-Fi and a mechanical bull.

While the key feature of the Warrior Zone will be its technology, the Tropics will still host community-wide events, such as "Street Dreams," a car and bike show that will feature single Soldiers' motorcycles, muscle cars and other rides, Sept. 24, and the "Rocky Horror Show," in October.

Patrons who want to take a break from video games can go outdoors and play a game of sand volleyball or rent the patio for a barbecue.

Future plans include a monthly "Late Night at the Tropics," with a deejay on a Friday or Saturday.

"If we see an interest among the Soldiers," Silva said, "we'll increase the number of Late Nights."

Units can still hold military briefings, conferences, hail and farewells, and other military events at the venue.

Family Fun Fridays will move to another location, yet to be determined.

Also, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, will stay headquartered at the Tropics.

"Single Soldier Christmas is one of the biggest events we have here at the Tropics," Silva added.

Soldiers will be treated to a Christmas meal and presents.

The Tropics snack bar menu will get a makeover, too. Plans are to offer menu items like quesadillas, chicken teriyaki, salmon burgers and meatloaf, according to April Evert, food and beverage manager, Tropics.

"The Tropics team is looking forward to becoming a Warrior Zone to serve our Soldiers," Silva said. "When the decision was made, it was like, 'let's march forward ... We got it. ... We want it.' So, the Tropics team is excited, and (team members) just can't wait."



Besides offering gaming areas and video games, the Tropics also serves as a venue for special events, such as the Street Dreams Car

and Bike Show, 11 a.m., Sept. 24. Active duty Soldiers can enter imports, antique, muscle, unmodified and modified cars, bikes and trucks. Call 655-5698.

Entry fees follow:

- Cars
- Preregistration, \$10; day of show, \$15.
- Bikes
- Preregistration, \$5; day of show, \$10.

Have an idea about what type of programming you'd like to see at the Tropics? Share your suggestions at 655-6698. Visit www.himwr.com to see the Tropics calendar. Most activities are free, with the exception of special events/programming.

The Tropics is also the home of BOSS, a morale, welfare and recreation program for single Soldiers. Call 655-1130.

Tropics Warrior Zone hours of operation

- Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tropics Snack Bar hours of operation

- Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

For NFL Sunday Ticket, doors open at 6:30 a.m., so patrons can purchase breakfast.



24 / Saturday

Street Dreams Car and Bike Show — Are you ridin’ fly? If your car, bike or truck is hot, this event, 11 a.m., Sept. 24, Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks, is for you. Call 655-5698.

Standup Paddleboard — Take a standup paddleboard lesson with Outdoor Recreation, 7 a.m.-noon, Sept. 24. Cost is \$60. Call 655-0143.

26 / Monday

Free Hula Classes — The Native Hawaiian Liaison Office, USAG-HI, welcomes all Soldiers and families to participate in free hula classes. Beginner classes are 5-6 p.m.; advanced classes are 6-7 p.m. Call 655-9694 or email nhliaison@gmail.com. Classes are held Mondays, Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks, and Tuesdays, AMR Community Center.

All Army Bowling — Men and women can register for All Army Bowling through Sept. 26. Soldiers may apply via AKO on <https://armysports.cfsc.army.mil>. Call 655-0856.

27 / Tuesday

Temporary Closure — Due to a construction project, the Fort Shafter Bowling Center will close at 8 p.m., daily, through Sept. 27. Limited open lanes will be available. The Strike Zone snack bar will remain open for business. Call 438-6733.

28 / Wednesday

Afterschool — To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, elementary-age children are invited to listen to Hispanic heritage stories, 3-3:45 p.m., Sept. 28, Sgt. Yano Library. Call 655-8002.

30 / Friday

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet — This \$10.95 buffet is served at the Hale Ikena at Fort Shafter and at the Nehelani at Schofield Barracks, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., every last Friday of the month, except in November and December. Reservations are required for large groups, and come early. Call the Hale Ikena at 438-1974 or Nehelani at 655-0660.

October

1 / Saturday

Fine Arts for Teens — This class is for teens (12 and older) who wish to explore their talents in fine arts. Four Saturday classes in October will cover



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22 / Thursday

Girl Scouts Yard Sale — Clothing for all ages, household and baby items, toys, books, DVDs and small electronics can be donated to the Girl Scouts of the Kolekole Service Unit yard sale. Drop off donations at the Scout Hut, Schofield Barracks, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-8 p.m., Sept. 22. The yard sale is 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 24, at the Scout Hut. Money raised will go to support Girl Scouts events. Email schofieldgirlscouts@gmail.com.

Founders Day — Help celebrate Founders Day, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 22, at Fisher House II, Tripler Army Medical Center. Highlights include information booths, food, entertainment and a blood drive. Call 561-7423.

24 / Saturday

Aloha Festivals Floral Parade — A colorful equestrian procession of female and male pau riders; extravagant floats with cascades of Hawaiian flowers; hula halau, or troupes; and marching bands will brighten Kalakaua Avenue in Honolulu, from Ala Moana Park to Ka-



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Sweet sounds of slack key

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Bruddah Cy Irvine plays Hawaiian slack key guitar at Sgt. Yano Library, here, Sept. 14. He has been playing Hawaiian music for 35 years. Slack key, or ki hoalu, is the solo acoustic guitar music unique to Hawaii. The strings, or “keys,” are “slack,” or loosened, to produce a lingering sound behind the melody. See video and more photos from this event at www.flickr.com/usaghawaii.

watercolor basics; the first session is 12:30-1:30 p.m., Oct. 1. Cost is \$45 and includes all supplies. Call 655-4202.

3 / Monday

Martinez PFC Closures — Portions of the Martinez Physical Fitness Center will be closed at various times in October to move exercise equipment and to paint. Call 836-0338. Locations and dates follow:

- High-ceiling cardio equipment room, Oct. 3-19.
- Nautilus equipment room, Oct. 4-17.

7 / Friday

Rocktoberfest — This third annual event starts at 4 p.m., Oct. 7, at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Enjoy adult-oriented games, traditional German food and live rock music. No cover charge. This event is for adults only. Call 656-0097.

11 / Tuesday

Mini Flag Football — Registration continues through Oct. 11; the season runs Oct. 20-Dec. 15. Children born in 2006 or 2007 are eligible. Cost is \$15. To register, stop by Parent Central Services at either Schofield Barracks or AMR, or call 655-6465 or 836-1923.

12 / Wednesday

ESL — English as a second language classes are 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, Oct. 12-Nov. 21, ACS, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-4227.

15 / Saturday

Polo Match — Watch Army Gold

versus Army Black in this inaugural polo match, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 15, Palm Circle, Fort Shafter. This event is free and open to the public. Activities include military static displays, keiki activities, food, music and retreat. Guests can bring chairs and umbrellas; small pop-up canopies are permitted. Personal coolers are permitted; however, open containers aren’t allowed. Guests may purchase alcoholic beverages on-site. Call 655-0111/0115 or visit www.himwr.com.

Ongoing

Single Soldier Survey — Choose the types of programs and activities you want by filling out the Directorate of FMWR survey now. Based on your location, go to one of these sites:

- North
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/No-rth-Single-Soldiers>.
- South
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/South-Single-Soldiers>.

Zumba — Classes are offered at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Thursdays. Classes are free for active duty and family members; cost for all other eligible patrons is \$4 per class (cash only). Visit www.himwr.com.

FMWR — Outprocessing Soldiers in the Fort Shafter, Aliamanu and TAMC

areas can be cleared for Directorate of FMWR services at the AMR Physical Fitness Center, Building 1780, 176 Kauhini Rd. Call 836-0338.

Soldiers in the Schofield Barracks, HMR and WAAF areas can still clear at the Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 556, Heard Ave., Schofield Barracks; call 655-0143.

UH Football Tickets — Buy University of Hawaii tickets at Army Leisure Travel Services, Schofield Barracks. Limited quantities are available; buy early and avoid the lines at the Aloha Stadium gate. Visit the office or call 655-9971.

Vehicle Safety Inspection — Don’t forget to check your vehicle inspection sticker located on your vehicle’s right rear bumper to see if it’s about to expire or already has. No appointment is necessary; first come, first served. Call the Fort Shafter Auto Skills Center at 438-9402 or Schofield Barracks at 655-9368.

Twitter — Follow USAG-HI at www.twitter.com/usaghawaii or at www.twitter.com/hawaiiarmywkly.

Adult Sports — Men and women can register for intramural racquetball, basketball, volleyball and triathlons. Women can also register for soccer. For intramurals, call 655-8056; for All-Army Sports, call 655-9914. Visit www.himwr.com.

Parent Participation Preschool — This program is for children ages 3-4, and it helps preschool children make a smooth transition into the structure of kindergarten. Preschool days are 12-2 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Wheeler Armed Services YMCA, WAAF. Cost is \$40 per month. Call 624-5645.

Troops to Teachers — This program directly supports military members who have chosen teaching as a career. Troops to Teachers provides direct resource support, including hiring, and it allows up to a \$10,000 bonus for teaching in high-needs schools. Call 586-4054, ext. 409.

Naval Aviation — Learn about naval aviation history in Hawaii, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., by appointment, Monday-Friday, or by appointment on Saturday and Sunday, at Building 1792, Midway Road, Kalaeloa Airport, Kapolei. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for keiki under 18. Visit www.nambarberspoint.org or call 682-3982.

Making the Grade — Students can cash in on the Exchange’s “You Made the Grade” program that recognizes above-average academic achievement. Qualifying students will receive a coupon booklet that includes free admission to an Exchange Reel Time Theater and a complimentary slice of Anthony’s Pizza with drink, as well as other coupons.

To be eligible for a booklet, students must present a valid military ID and proof of an overall “B” or better average to their local Exchange.



Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu).

- AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
- FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
- HMR: Helemano Chapel
- MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
- SC: Soldiers’ Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services
•First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
•Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass
•Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
•Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF and FD
•Sunday services:
– 8:30 a.m. at AMR
– 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
– 11 a.m. at TAMC
•Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m.TAMC

Gospel Worship
•Sunday, noon. at MPC
•Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study
•Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
•Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
•Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)
•Monday, 6 p.m. at PH (Bible Study)
•Friday, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8:15 a.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)
•Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex

Protestant Worship
•Sunday Services
– 9 a.m. at FD, MPC and TAMC chapels
– 9 a.m. at WAAF chapel, Lutheran/Episcopalian
– 10 a.m. at HMR
– 10:30 a.m. at AMR

Single Soldiers’ Bible Study
•Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at SC; lunch is provided.

Worship Service
•Sunday, 6 p.m. at SC.



Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Memorial Theater

Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to aaefes.com under reeltime movie listing.

Kung Fu Panda 2

(PG)
Fri., Sept. 23, 6 p.m.

Final Destination 5

(R)
Fri., Sept. 23, 8:30 p.m.

Cars 2

(G)
Sat., Sept. 24, 4 p.m.



Rise of the Planet of the Apes

(PG-13)
Sat., Sept. 24, 7 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 28, 7 p.m.

Winnie the Pooh

(G)
Sun., Sept. 25, 2 p.m.

Cowboys & Aliens

(PG-13)
Thurs., Sept. 29, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

AFTB: Army Family Team Building
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation
BCT: Brigade Combat Team
BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
Co.: Company
CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services

EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation
FRG: family readiness group
HMR: Helemano Military Reservation

IPC: Island Palm Communities
SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center
USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

Calendar abbreviations
8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division
ACS: Army Community Service
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan

SOS tea party to honor Gold Star Mothers at ACS

JENNIFER R. KORANYI
Survivor Outreach Services; Army Community Service;
Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation;
U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

FORT SHAFTER — Gold Star Mothers Day is Sept. 25.

Survivor Outreach Services, or SOS, will honor Gold Star Mothers with a tea party, 9:30 a.m., Sept. 23, at the Fort Shafter Army Community Service, located at the Aloha Center, Building 330, here.

SOS is part of ACS, in U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

A Gold Star Mother is any mother whose son or daughter died in military service to the U.S.

Gold Star Mothers wear a lapel button that contains a gold star on a purple background to signify their loss was while the service member was in action, or a gold star on a gold background, to signify the loss was active duty noncombat related.

The history of Gold Star Mother’s Day goes back to 1928, when mothers whose sons or daughters served and died while serving their nation organized American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. to support each other. The name comes from the service flag that has a star representing each family member serving in the military. A blue star represents each living service member. A gold star is superimposed over a blue star to represent those who have lost their lives in service.

U.S. Congress designated the last Sunday of September as Gold Star Mother’s Day, June 23, 1936, in honor and recognition of those mothers.

Gold Star Mothers Tea Party

Gold Star Mothers are invited to attend a tea; RSVP to 438-9285.

Honor Gold Star Mothers and participate in a Gold Star Mother’s Day Luminary Initiative, Sept. 25. To learn more, visit www.goldstarmoms.com.



Soldiers and spouses of the 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, emerge from yellow smoke thrown in a simulated ambush during Jane Sapper Day at Schofield Barracks, Sept. 10. The event builds teamwork among spouses, provides them with insight into Soldier tasks and challenges them physically.

Engineer spouses become Soldiers for a day

Story and Photos by
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8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 65th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, held Jane Sapper Day to bring Sapper Soldiers and their spouses together for a day of combat training, here, Sept. 10.

“Jane Sapper Day is designed to do three things: build teamwork among spouses, provide them with insight into what their Soldiers do every day, and challenge and allow them to get out here and have a little fun,” said Lt. Col. Dan Koprowski, commander, 65th Eng. Bn.

The term Sapper is used to designate combat engineers.

Spouses participated in Leader Reaction Course obstacles, including squad battle drills in a military operations in urban terrain environment, and M9 and M16 weapons familiarization.

Most participating spouses received encouragement from their Soldiers, but not every Soldier is home due to deployments. Spouses of deployed Soldiers still came out and gave Jane Sapper Day their all in support of their loved ones.

“The event is particularly important because 50 percent of the battalion is deployed, so it’s really a great opportunity for us to get our spouses of deployed Soldiers involved in something a little different than just a (family readiness group) meeting,” Koprowski said.

Melissa Parnell, wife of Capt. John Parnell, 34th Eng. Company, 65th Eng. Bn., said even though her husband is in Iraq, she was still having fun with



Spouses of the 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, navigate obstacles on the Leaders Reaction Course during Jane Sapper Day at Schofield Barracks, Sept. 10.

the other wives.

“It’s been going great. We’ve been having fun, sweating a little bit and laughing a lot,” Parnell said. “One of the best parts, so far, has been the (physical training) test; some of these ladies were killing it. My favorite event is shooting the big guns, definitely.”

Throughout the day, spouses bonded with each other and battalion Soldiers, building overall unit morale and esprit de corps throughout their home

lives and the unit.

Soldiers had fun watching their spouses work as hard as they do every day, like Pfc. Dennell Mcdowell and his wife, Kendra.

“This is great; the wives are having fun. I’m having fun watching them, and my wife and I are having a blast to tell you the truth,” Mcdowell said. “(Spouses are) learning why we’re so tired all the time and what it takes to be a Sapper.”

65th Eng. Bn. partners with Mililani Middle School to help students, projects

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MILILANI – The 65th Engineer Battalion is continuing its efforts to build a relationship with local organizations and to facilitate a lasting partnership within the surrounding community.

Lt. Col. Daniel Koprowski, commander, 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, toured Mililani Middle School and met with its faculty and students, Sept. 14.

“Educators and Soldiers share a common purpose in that we both serve others, and in our own ways, we each work to secure our nation’s future,” Koprowski said. “That’s why we’re so happy to partner with Mililani Middle School, and so enthusiastic about this new relationship.”

Mililani Middle School is home to more than 1,800 students, and is the primary feeder for Mililani High School. Not surprisingly, about 13 percent of the student body, nearly 235 children, are from local military families.

The Army has a longstanding history of working with communities that surround its installations. These relationships improve quality of life, not only for residents of the surrounding areas, but also for Soldiers who reside, shop or spend their free time in these communities.

By partnering with area schools, neighborhood associations and similar local organizations, the Army demonstrates that it

is a good neighbor and can have a positive impact on the surrounding community.

Soldiers of the 65th Eng. Bn. hope to build on the school’s and students’ success by getting involved in a wide array of projects and events throughout the school year. One project that the 65th Eng. Bn. plans to support is the school’s community service project that students will design and implement.

Elynne Chung, principal, Mililani Middle School, highlighted that the partnership is a reciprocal relationship. Just as the 65th Eng. Bn. plans to help with fulfilling some of the school’s projects, Mililani Middle School would also like to help the battalion and its Soldiers. For example, students could write “thank you” letters to deployed Soldiers.

Collaboration between the military and Hawaii’s public schools is not limited to the 65th Eng. Bn. Units from each U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii installation have paired up with local schools as part of the School Partnership Program.

Wayne Yoshino, school liaison officer, USAG-HI, manages the program and has seen it grow during the past few years.

“This program has been a win-win situation for the Army and (Department of Education) schools,” Yoshino said. “Community service has been a long-range goal for our Army command. Through this endeavor, many lives have been touched and impacted through the years, whether through tutoring, beautification of campuses, interaction between Soldiers and students, or one of many other service projects.”



Errol Hahn (left), Mililani Middle School, escorts Lt. Col. Daniel Koprowski, commander, 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde, 8th TSC, through the school’s arts wing, Sept. 14. The school offers art and humanities programs, including an orchestra and a digital media lab.

Students celebrate learning, literacy at Hale Kula Elementary’s Family Night



A Soldier with HHBN, 25th ID, assists a student with thumbprint art at Hale Kula Elementary School’s book fair, Schofield Barracks, Sept. 16. The book fair had a science and space theme.

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Hale Kula Elementary School families traveled to a galaxy far, far away when they attended the school’s Book Fair and Beyond Family Night, here, Sept. 16.

Centered around a space theme, children traveled from station to station to complete science/space-themed activities.

Soldiers from the 25th Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, were among volunteers running the various activity stations. They cheered students on at an obstacle course, helped them fold paper airplanes and assisted with food service and cleanup.

“The Soldiers really make an event of this scale possible,” said Ellen Petry, facilitator, Parent Community Networking Center. “We had more than 350 people at the event, which is a great turnout.”

During family night, students drew extraterrestrial creatures, spaceships and planets on a lunar landscape and created a cratered surface, like the moon’s surface, at the impact crater station. They also explored the principles of aerodynamics and tested their skills against gravity at the egg drop station. The students constructed a 3-inch square covering for their raw eggs,

to see if the eggs would withstand a 4-foot drop.

John Epstein, science resource coach, counted down to the egg drop, where many students proved to be gravitational gurus with packing materials like popcorn, paper and even a water balloon.

A local organization, Stars Above Hawaii, brought in high-powered telescopes so families could gaze at stars, star systems and constellations.

Greg McCartney from Stars Above Hawaii said “it was a good turnout” and that “everyone seemed to enjoy it.”

Families could view multiple star systems like Alberio, Mizar and Polaris. They could also see lagoon and ling nebula, Scorpio, the blizzard of stars in the center of the Milky Way and specific stars like Hokulea, Antares and Vega.